

# MK Music Centre Bulletin - January 2024

## Welcome

Dear parents and students, I hope that everyone has had a restful Christmas break. We are already underway with the new term which, as always in the Spring, will be a busy and I'm sure exciting one. There is lots going on this term so please do take a good look at the details contained in this bulletin.

**Giles Liddiard**  
**Instrumental Leader**



## Term Dates

Remaining Music Centre dates this term are:

- Fridays – January 19 & 26 / February 2, 9 / March 1, 8, 15 & 22
- Saturdays – January 20, 27 / February 3, 10 / March 2, 9, 16, 23

([Visit our website](#) for a full overview of term dates for all groups)

## Brass Band Championships – Saturday 23 March 2024

Calling all young BRASS Players!

The MK Music Hub is again putting together a group to play in the 'Showcase' section of the Youth Brass Band Championships which this year takes place on Saturday March 23rd in Cheltenham.

The group is intended for Beginners who can play 5 notes up to Grade 5 standard. The event is non-competitive and is a great opportunity to go and perform with other brass players, listen to other Bands and hopefully make some new friends!

The band meets for two rehearsals on the two Tuesday evenings leading up to the event and a coach is provided for players (and supporters if we have room on the coach).

Music will be available to all players via a google drive link in advance and there will be parts suitable for all levels of playing.

A flyer with all the details of the event is available here: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qr2rVLurA-C95lfiwM\\_a1XsjnEXDzOpo/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qr2rVLurA-C95lfiwM_a1XsjnEXDzOpo/view?usp=sharing)

Sign up here: <https://miltonkeynesmusic hub.co.uk/mk-brass-hoppers/>

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## New Recorder Ensemble

Exciting new recorder ensemble for 2024.

If you can play the recorder (soprano, alto, tenor or bass) and would like to join in an informal, fun ensemble on a Saturday please get in touch with the Milton Keynes Music Co-op.

It might be something you haven't played since your school days and would like to pick up again.

Rehearsals will be at 12pm fortnightly on a Saturday at Shenley Brook End School. 11.30 for a social coffee and catch up beforehand.

If you haven't played an instrument before and would like to learn the recorder in a fun group setting, then please leave your name and number as a separate beginner's group may be possible depending on demand.



Please contact Jacki Watts by emailing the co-op on [mkmusiccoop@gmail.com](mailto:mkmusiccoop@gmail.com)

## Help to keep our records up to date

The Milton Keynes Music Hub has recently started using a new software system to hold its data and create invoices. To improve the accuracy with which we communicate with you, we need to make sure the information we hold on our system is correct. We are also now able to hold more than one parent/guardian on each student record, student email addresses where appropriate. We would also like to update the photo permission status for ALL Music Centre students. If you haven't done so already, we'd be grateful if you would take a few minutes to complete the questions below and submit the form to us.

Please use this link to complete the form: <https://forms.office.com/e/Hb3tJbx6NR>

## Fanfare Coffee Shop – Bursaries

The Coffee Shop are able to support students with a bursary towards the ensemble fees for the academic year. If you would like to enquire or make an application for a bursary, please email: [fanfare193@gmail.com](mailto:fanfare193@gmail.com)



## MK Music Co-op Job Opportunity

The MK Music Co-operative, who are the largest provider of instrumental lessons in MK and the most important 'Partner' to the Music Hub and Music Centre, are seeking an administrator.

For any of you who are interested, or who may know somebody who is and has the relevant skills, a full job description of the role is available via this link.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xrxy5ESk2zXdUFYBPUogd9AzjKIEbMnE/view?usp=sharingPlease>

Please feel free to share this with anyone who you think might be interested but please direct any queries directly to the Co-op.

Interested candidates should contact Co-op chairperson Joe Barefoot: [chair@mkmusiccoop.com](mailto:chair@mkmusiccoop.com)



## Performances and Festivals this term

The End of term performances will take place on the evening of **Tuesday 26th March** at Shenley and on **Wednesday 27th March** 4-6pm (for Intermediate Strings, String Orchestra and Junior Wind Band as part of the Music for Youth Festival) at the Church of Christ the Cornerstone.



Junior Strings and the Big Band will be performing at the MK Festival of the Arts on **Saturday 16th March**.

**For our senior groups (Wind, String and Youth Orchestras) the End of term concert** will take place on the evening of **Thursday 28th March** at the **Chrysalis Theatre**.

### Music for Youth in Northampton:

**Wind Orchestra and Youth Orchestra will be performing on Sunday 24th March** (15:00 - 17:00 session) at **Northampton School for Boys**. We will be providing a coach from Shenley.

Details of all the above will be sent to Parents nearer the time but please make a note of the dates at this stage.

## String Chamber Course

The Bedfordshire Music Trust are running their String Chamber Course during the February half term which provides an opportunity for students on the violin, viola and cello to play in small ensembles including trios and quartets. It takes place over 3 days and costs £90 per student.



You can find more information here: <https://www.bedfordshiremusictrust.org.uk/chamber-course/>



### Tour 2025

Breaking news! We have started looking at locations and concert venues in France for a summer tour involving the Wind Orchestra and Youth Orchestra for July 2025. Nothing is confirmed yet but watch this space for further news!